

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 December 25 2015 to 0600 December 26 2015



Solimar Fire, Solimar Beach, Ventura County.

Photo Credit: Ventura County Air Ops/YubaNet

Note: [Report updates are in blue](#)



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SITUATION SUMMARY

National News – Significant Events

Tornado Hits Birmingham, Alabama, as Severe Southern Weather Continues

(NBC) A tornado touched down in Birmingham and left a two square-mile swath of destruction as heavy rains and flooding hit Alabama on Friday, officials said. The National Weather Service urged locals to stay off the roads after the twister touched down at around 5 p.m. local time (6 p.m. ET) in Jefferson County, Alabama. Birmingham's city government said several structures were destroyed and first responders were working to rescue people from the debris. Lt. Sean Edwards, a Birmingham police spokesman, told the Associated Press that trees were down and people were trapped inside damaged houses. Severe flooding also hit much of the city, with crews using boats to rescue people from submerged cars. Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency Director Jim Coker said there were reports that at least one person was injured and taken to the hospital. The city government posted a picture of Mayor William Bell directing traffic on a flooded road as rescuers worked to retrieve people. One woman whose home was damaged told NBC affiliate WVTM that she grabbed her son and said "let's go" as the storm hit. "When they tell you take cover, take cover," she said. "That wind... just broke out the front window, back window, tore the whole wall down in the back." Utility company Alabama Power said 10,000 customers were without electricity in Birmingham and west of the city due to storms as of Friday night. The floods and tornado hit a day after Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley declared a state of emergency following severe weather which had washed out many roads and bridges in the state. Tornadoes and storms which swept through parts of Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas earlier this week left at least 15 people dead.

International News – Significant Events

China landslide disaster caused by safety breaches: cabinet website

(Reuters) A landslide in southern China that killed two people and left more than 70 people missing was caused by breaches of construction safety rules and was not a natural disaster, a government website quoted local authorities as saying. An investigation by a team in Shenzhen directed by China's cabinet found the Dec. 20 disaster stemmed from waste construction material in a landfill site rather than a natural geological movement, a statement posted late Friday on the cabinet's website said. "Those held accountable will be seriously punished in accordance with the law," the statement said. The man-made disaster, which buried 33 buildings in an industrial park, has raised questions about China's industrial safety standards and lack of oversight that has led to fatal accidents, a by-product of the country's rapid growth. At the Shenzhen industrial park, there is still some risk of more landslides at three separate places and professionals have been brought in to deal with the issue, Xinhua news agency on Friday quoted a Shenzhen official as saying. "There are also dangerous chemical items that need to be identified and treated," Yang Shengjun, head of the Shenzhen Housing and Urban-Rural Development Bureau, was quoted as saying.

Yang said no air or water contamination has been detected yet, according to Xinhua. The company managing the dump site, Shenzhen Yixianglong, was urged to stop work four days before the disaster, an executive with a government-appointed monitoring agency said on Thursday. Xinhua earlier reported that the dump was being used 10 months after it was supposed to have stopped taking waste, earning Yixianglong some 7.5 million yuan (\$1.16 million) in fees.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Solimar Incident, Solimar Beach, Ventura County

Location: Solimar Beach in Ventura County US 101 and State Route 33

Jurisdiction: SRA

Start Time: 2245 12/25/2015

Per Cal OES Duty Officers and ICS-209 at 0545hrs on 12/26/15:

- 1000 acres, brush, 0% contained
- 100 Single Residences threatened
- Mandatory evacuations for Solimar Beach residents and campgrounds
- Voluntary evacuations for Faria Beach residents and Emma Wood Camp Site
- A Red Cross Shelter is located at the California Veteran's Memorial Building, 941 Walnut Ave, Carpinteria, Santa Barbara County
- City of Carpinteria Animal Services is working with the Red Cross to shelter small animals if needed.
- Hard closure of Highway 101 Northbound at State Route 33 and Southbound at Bates Road
- The Ventura County EOC is at duty Officer Status
- An OES Fire and Rescue Assistant Chief has been deployed. ETA is 0700.
- The fire currently poses a threat to oil, gas, power and rail infrastructure.
- Union Pacific Railroad operations have been stopped between Mile Post 384 and Mile Post 393.
- A Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) has been received by Cal OES. The incident does not yet meet FMAG criteria and has been placed on hold.

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

Weather of Concern

- Snow showers will return to the Sierra and western Nevada on Monday as a Slider system moves into the region. There are some timing differences in the models, but the showers could start as early as Monday morning with the low exiting the region Monday night. At this time the most likely forecast is for up to 2 inches of snow possible on the western Nevada valley floors and up to 4 inches in the Sierra.
- Low temperatures will be several degrees below normal Saturday night, especially in the wind-sheltered locations. Frost is possible in portions of the coast, valleys, and low deserts.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

High pressure building over the area will bring very cold overnight temperatures for tonight. Another storm system will bring light rain and mountain snow to the area Sunday into Monday.

Medford Weather:

The focus of the forecast is on a light snowfall expected Sunday afternoon through Monday afternoon. Expected amounts have been adjusted slightly upward but still look to be quite light. Confidence is higher in amounts than in the snow level. But the snow level looks to be around 2500 feet as precipitation develops late Sunday morning into the afternoon as a cold front moves inland. The snow level is forecast to fall to 2000 feet during Sunday night. There is some concern for Sunday morning freezing rain in the Camas and Illinois valleys with uncertainty on the depth of low level cold air and the beginning time of precipitation. Frontal passage will be relatively quick from Sunday afternoon into Sunday evening and followed by isolated to scattered light showers and snow showers late Sunday night into Monday morning with a few stray flurries lingering into Monday afternoon.

Reno Weather:

Cold temperatures are expected through the weekend, with strong valley inversions developing today. Weak low pressure will bring light snow showers Sunday night and Monday. There is the potential for another weak system to bring light snow or flurries Wednesday, although that low could miss the Sierra and Western Nevada entirely so confidence is low.

San Francisco Weather:

A cold air mass over the region will result in overnight lows at or below freezing late Saturday night/Sunday morning. A weak weather system will bring light rain to much of the region from Sunday afternoon through Monday morning. Dry and cool weather will return by late Monday. Dry weather is then forecast through the remainder of next week along with a gradual warming trend.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY:

Sacramento Weather:

A cold weather system with potentially very low snow levels but limited moisture will impact interior Northern California late Sunday into Monday. Otherwise, mainly dry weather continues.

Hanford Weather:

A dry and cool air mass will remain over Central California this weekend with a light and variable wind. Sub-freezing temperatures can be expected tonight into early Sunday morning. Morning lows should be in the 20s to near 30 degrees. Then a nice warmup will occur on Sunday.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

Gusty north to northeast winds will persist into Sunday. On Monday a fast moving front will bring the possibility of precipitation to the area mainly north of Santa Barbara. Temperatures will remain below normal through Tuesday. High pressure returns next week with temperatures back to normal by New Years day.

Extreme Southwestern California including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

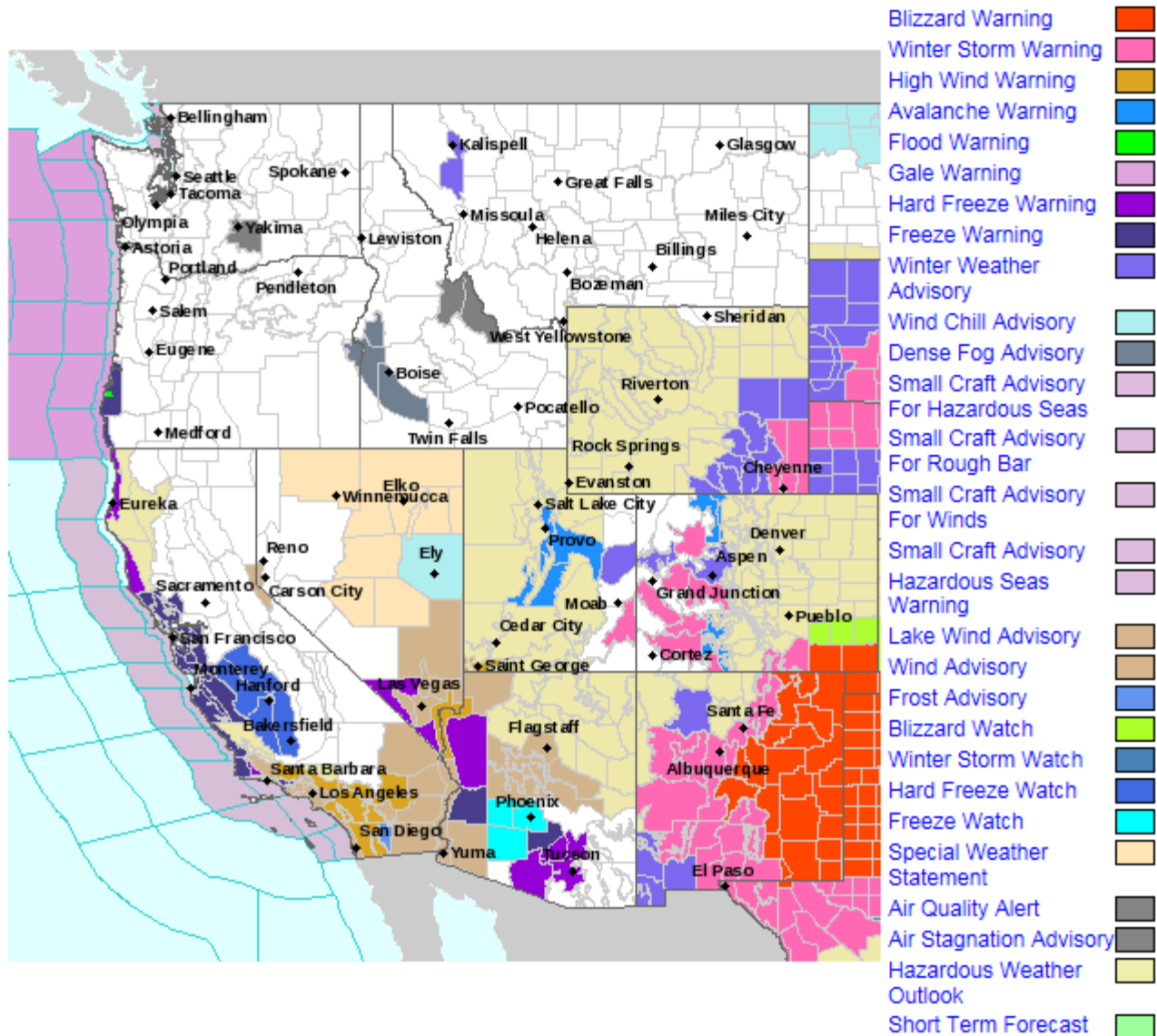
Strong cold surface high pressure over the great basin will bring periods of strong gusty north to northeast winds along and below coastal mountain slopes through late tonight strongest this afternoon and evening, slightly warmer with weaker winds for Sunday. Another cold low pressure system from the northwest will bring a slight chance of showers for late Sunday night into Monday evening. Slow warming for the latter half of next week with periods of gusty northeast winds. Nights will remain cold through the middle of next week with areas of frost in portions of coastal, valley and lower desert areas especially wind sheltered locations. High temperatures will remain below average then slowly warm the latter half of next week.

Southeast California Weather:

Another low pressure system moving through the area will bring cooler temperatures and very windy conditions to much of the area. The strongest winds will occur across southeast California later today. In addition some locations could see temperatures below freezing Sunday and Monday morning before temperatures gradually moderate toward the middle of next week.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY

Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>



CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC is activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-26-14 on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought, specifically through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- The Governor issued Executive Order B-29-15 on 04/01/15 which announced actions that will save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the state's drought response and invest in new technologies to make California more drought resilient.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate the Community Impacts Workgroup conference calls. Currently, the calls take place on alternating Wednesdays.
- Cal OES Recovery/Individual Assistance finalized an updated 2015 version of the drought brochure of programs and services for individuals, businesses, farmers, and ranchers. It has been put on the Governor's Drought webpage. State agencies may put the following link to the brochure on their webpage <http://ca.gov/drought/pdf/Drought-Assistance-Brochure-2015.pdf>
- Cal OES Regions (Inland, Coastal, Southern) collective OA drought call is facilitated by the SOC and will be held once per month.

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Local Emergency Proclamations:

A total of 63 local Emergency Proclamations have been received to date from city, county, and tribal governments, as well as special districts:

- 29 Counties: Butte, Colusa, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Inyo, Humboldt, Kern, Kings, Lake, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Plumas, San Bernardino, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yuba.
- 13 Cities: City of Live Oak (Sutter County), City of Lodi (San Joaquin County), City of Manteca (San Joaquin County), City of Montague (Siskiyou County), City of Porterville (Tulare County), City of Portola (Plumas County), City of Ripon (San Joaquin County), City of San Juan Bautista (San Benito County), City of Santa Barbara (Santa Barbara County), City of Rancho Cucamonga (San Bernardino County) and City of West Sacramento (Yolo County), City of Willits (Mendocino County), and City of Fort Bragg (Mendocino County).
- 9 Tribes: Cortina Indian Rancheria (Colusa County), Hoopa Valley Tribe (Humboldt County), Karuk Tribe (Siskiyou/Humboldt Counties), Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria (Sonoma County), Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians (Madera County) Sherwood Valley Pomo Indian Tribe (Mendocino County), Tule River Indian Tribe (Tulare County), Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation (Yolo County), and Yurok Tribe (Humboldt County).
- 12 Special Districts: Carpinteria Valley Water District (Santa Barbara County), Goleta Water District (Santa Barbara County), Groveland Community Services District (Tuolumne County), Lake Don Pedro Community Services District (Mariposa Stanislaus County), Mariposa Public Utility District (Mariposa County), Meiners Oaks Water District (Ventura County), Montecito Water District (Santa Barbara County), Mountain House Community Service District (San Joaquin County), Nevada Irrigation District (Nevada County), Placer County Water Agency (Placer County), Tuolumne Utilities District (Tuolumne County), and Twain Harte Community Services District (Tuolumne County).

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

- 2015-LAW-20662 12/25/15, 2235 hrs., The California State Warning Center (CSWC) received a call regarding an Emergency Locator Transmitter (ELT) sounding near Auburn, Placer County. The Placer County Sheriff was briefed. **Mission Ongoing.**

New/Closed Cal OES Missions

- 2015-LAW-20656 12/25/15, 1904 hrs., The CSWC received a call from the AFRCC regarding a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) sounding in rural Los Angeles County. 2207 hrs. The Law Enforcement Duty Officer (LDO) reported that the subject was located alive and well. **Mission Closed.**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.